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FOR NEA ONLY; FOR KUX (NEA/INS) FROM SCHNEIDER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRIVATE APPROACHES TO INDIANS ON FERNANDEZ

REF: NEW DELHI 11563; KUX/SCHNEIDER OFFICIAL-INFORMAL,
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1. I THINK FERNANDEZ IS GOING TO BE INSIDE FOR A LONG TIME. THE GOVERNMENT IS ALMOST CERTIANLY DETERMINED TO PIN SOMETHIBG MAJOR ON HIM WHICH WILL INSURE THAT EVEN WHEN (OR IF) THE EMERGENCY IS LIFTED FERNADEZ WILL NOT BE LET FREE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER THAT FERNANDEZ HIMSELF HAS BEEN TORTURED.

2. WHILE I AM RELUCTANT THAT WE GET INTO THE BUSINESS OF ADVISING EVEN PRIVATE CITIZENS ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT FERNANDEZ, HERE ARE MY THOUGHTS: IT WOULD DO NO GOOD AND SOME HARM FOR THE SECRETARY TO MAKE EVEN A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC APPEAL. I DOUBT THAT APPEALS FROM PRIVATE CITIZENS WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT, BUT IF THEY ARE MADE, MY GUESS IS THEY SHOULD BE PUT PRIVATELY. YOU MAY INFORM THE GALBRAITHS OR OTHERS OF OUR FRANK ASSESSMENT THAT IN VIEW OF THE GOI'S CONCERN ABOUT THE FERNANDEZ "UNDERGROUND" ACTIVITIES FOR OVER A
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YEAR BEFORE HE WAS CAUGHT, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THE

GOVERNMENT WILL BE EXTREMELY LOATHE TO FREE
HIM UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
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